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For : STEEL FOR CRUDE OIL TANK, METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
THE SAME, CRUDE OIL TANK AND CORROSION  
PREVENTION METHOD THEREFOR

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**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2009.